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"TO MOTHER"

The original of this picture was first exhibited at the great art show held in Chicago in the summer of 1944 and was made by Pemberton Parker to illustrate his beautiful tribute, "To Mother."

It is said that a few days after writing the poem, he created the illustration which has now become almost inseparable from the verses. Both the picture and the poem have a universal appeal and are much admired by all who hold in happy memory those golden days of childhood.

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TO MOTHER

Oh, would that I, some song could sing
 Of the joy you to me, this Christmas bring:
 I'm sure all the world would list to hear
 This lay to one who's dearer year by year.

In fancy, I can plainly see,
 A little boy at your knee;
 Then again in a backward glance,
 I see how "long" have grown his "pants."

Ah, how swiftly time has passed;
 Why must childhood go so fast?
 But of all that Life has brought of good and true,
 Naught is so dear, Mother, to me as YOU.

PEMBERTON PARKER

